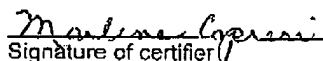


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action dated July 23, 2007, in the above-identified Application. This Response is being timely filed, as a Petition and Fee requesting a three-month extension of time, up to and including January 23, 2008, and authorizing the Commissioner to charge all authorized fees, is being submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner of all pending Claims, in view of the following Remarks.